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**Burlington Man Sentenced on Federal Drug and Gun Charges**

DAVENPORT, IA -- On July 2, 2007, Mark B. Nordyke, age 45, of Burlington, Iowa, was sentenced to a total of 384 months imprisonment for his conviction on drug and firearms offenses, announced United States Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker.

Nordyke was convicted and sentenced on one count of conspiracy to manufacture and distribute at least 50 grams of actual methamphetamine, for which he was sentenced to 324 months; and one count of possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, for which he was sentenced to a consecutive 60 months imprisonment. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered Nordyke to serve a 10 year term of supervised release following his incarceration.

Nordyke was arrested on December 10, 2004, in Burlington, Iowa. Among the items found in his possession were a Mauser, Model 1908, 8mm caliber, bolt-action rifle; a Winchester, Model 1400, 12-gauge caliber, semi-automatic shotgun; a Remington, 12 gauge caliber, pump-action shotgun; a Savage, Model 110E, 30-06 caliber, bolt-action rifle; and an Interarms, Model Virginian Dragoon, .357 caliber revolver.

This prosecution was carried out by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa. This investigation was conducted by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Burlington, Iowa Police Department; the Des Moines County Sheriff's Office; the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office; and the Southeast Iowa Narcotics Task Force.